

REMARKS

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction and an election of species. Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-11, without traverse. As the elected single species, new claim 27 has been added directed to the elected species.

A single species invention is a series of processes for preparing a compound of formula [I] from compound (1) as a starting compound, as shown on the Attached Sheet A.

Each step of processes for preparing a compound of formula [I] is concretely described on Working Examples in the present specification.


That is, the processes of compound (1)→compound (2), compound (2)→compound (3), compound (3)→compound (4), compound (4)→compound (7), compound (7)→compound (9), compound (9)→compound (11) and compound (11)→compound [I] are respectively described on Working Examples 1, 19, 23, 26, 27, 29 and 31.

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-11.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

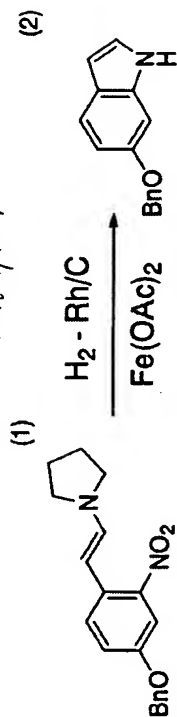
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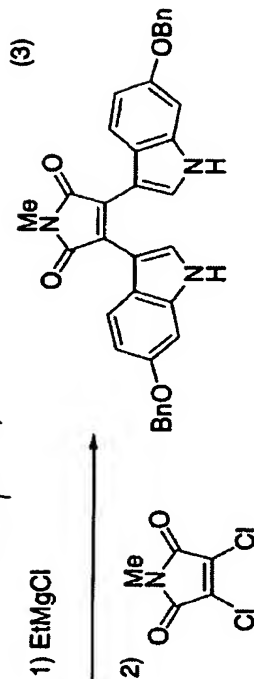
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A Single Species Invention

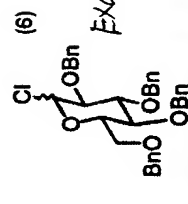
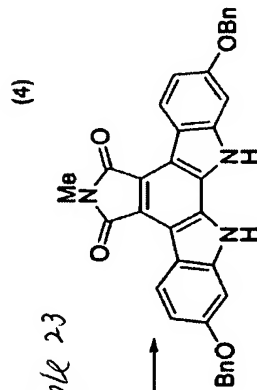
Example 1



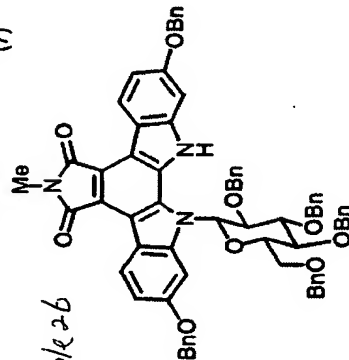
Example 19



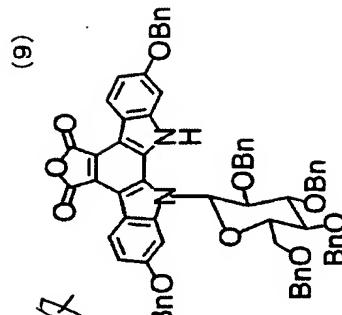
Example 23



Example 26

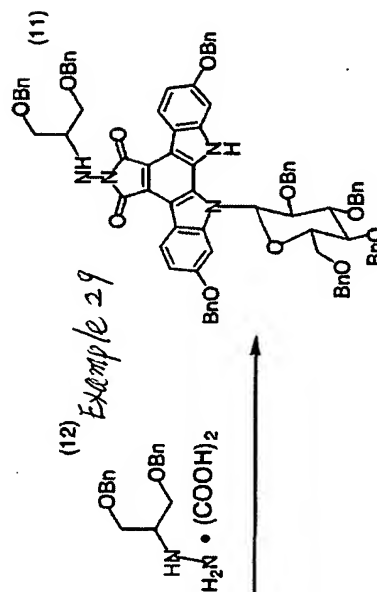


Example 27

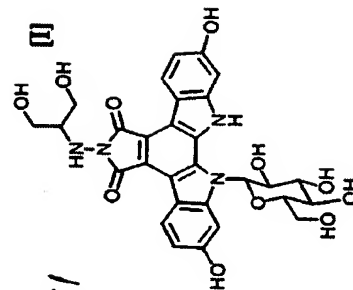


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Example 29



Example 31



Abbreviation

Ac: acetyl
Bn: benzyl
Et: ethyl
Me: methyl